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RECENT NEWS CAST NOTED PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL
INSPECT PATROL VESSEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NATIONAL
SHIPYARD IN SALINA CRUZ PACIFIC COAST. VISIT OF PRESIDENT
COINCIDES WITH NAVY DAY CELEBRATION. PATROL VESSEL TO
COST 180 THOUSAND US, WILL BE SHALLOW DRAFT FOR COASTAL
WORK, MAXIMUM SPEED 22 KNOTS, WITH 2 EA 1500 HP ENGINES,
AND RADIUS OPERATION 1000 MILES. VESSEL TO BE ARMED WITH
20 MILLIMETER MACHINE GUNS. DESIGN OF VESSEL CALLED
OLMECA MODEL OF WHICH 20 ARE PLANNED FOR CONSTRUCTION.

RFA WAS INFORMED OLMECA MODEL WAS SIMILAR TO US PT BOATS
OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE. HOWEVER, OLMECA MUST BE LARGER
IF ONLY 22 KNOTS CAN BE ATTAINED. LUCEY

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